



# PROGRAMS

**Tours  
&  
Events**

## DECEMBER 2015

*All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted*

### SUNDAYS:

#### **Rosie the Riveter Memorial – a closer look**

**12/13 Drop by from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

Drop by and visit the Rosie the Riveter Memorial while a docent is available to answer questions, and introduce this very thoughtful public art sculpture of a World War II cargo ship under construction along a 450-foot timeline.

#### **Kleen Teens and Zoot Suits: The Rise of the Teenager**

**12/13 at 2pm (45 minutes)**

Greater independence, and defense plant salaries, forever changed America's ideas and attitudes towards young adults during the war years. Join a ranger for a 45-minute program that explores the lives of teen-aged Americans on the home front.

#### **The Port Chicago Disaster and Aftermath**

**12/20 at 2:00 PM (30 minutes)**

What kinds of questions were sailors and civilians asking after ten million pounds of explosives blew up in Concord in 1944?

#### **Junior Ranger Fun!**

**12/27 at 2:00PM (45 minutes)**

Kids of all ages, we want your opinion! Help a ranger test brand-new junior ranger ideas and activities, and earn a junior ranger badge.

### MONDAYS:

#### **Rails through Richmond**

**12/7, 12/28 at 3:30 PM (45 minutes)**

Railroads opened the West, including the City of Richmond, the western terminus of the Santa Fe. Join a ranger to explore the railroad's impact on WWII, and vice versa.

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For directions and information: Call 510-232-5050 x0 or visit [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori)

**Visitor Center open daily, 10:00am to 5:00pm at 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA.**

(Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building – through the security gate).

***Mondays continued...***

## **Games and Toys for Girls and Boys**

**12/28 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

Wartime was deadly serious for grown-ups, but for kids, it was a time for adventure. Let's explore how children had fun during the war years: costumes, riding toys, board games, ships and planes and trains, the comics, and more!

## **TUESDAYS:**

### **"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating\*)**

**12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/29 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experience as a young African American woman during WWII.

\*Limited Seating for this popular program– Starting 1 hour prior to program seat numbers are issued at the front desk. Those without a number cannot be admitted due to fire code regulations.

## **WEDNESDAYS**

### **Richmond Bus Tour with Armand Johnson (RESERVATION ONLY)**

**12/9 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM (2 Hours)**

Hop aboard with Ranger Armand Johnson for an overview of the park sites located throughout the City of Richmond. Space is limited, reservations are required: call 510-232-5050 x0 for start time and location.

### **Emmy Lou Packard: Drawing New Conclusions in the Kaiser Shipyards**

**12/9 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)**

Lincoln Cushing, Kaiser Permanente Heritage Resources archivist and historian, will present a slideshow about Emmy Lou Packard's unique illustrations in the Kaiser Richmond employee magazine, "Fore 'n' Aft." Packard's artwork will be on display at the Visitor Center until January 2016. **Space is limited and reservations are required for this film and discussion. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.**

## **Games and Toys for Girls and Boys**

**12/16 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

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## **What We Wore During the War**

**12/16 at 3:00 PM (30 minutes)**

The war changed everything including fashions which changed to meet new needs: leather, wool, and nylon were needed by our fighting forces, so we made do on the Home Front. We'll have a look at the clothing worn by working men and women, children, and even Hollywood stars!

## THURSDAYS:

### **"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating\*)**

**12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/31 at 11:00 AM (45 minutes)**

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### **Blossoms and Thorns**

**12/3, 12/10, 12/17 at 2:00 PM (1 hour)**

A docent from the Japanese American Citizens' League screens the documentary, Blossoms and Thorns, about Richmond's pre-and post-war community of flower growers and nursery owners, and shares from their experiences in a WWII internment camp.

## FRIDAYS:

### **Rosie Meet and Greet**

**12/4, 12/11, 12/18 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM**

Most Fridays, a group of civilian WWII docents share their stories in an informal setting at the Visitor Center. Here is your chance to ask the experts about life and work in the Richmond Shipyards.

### **Rationing on the Home Front**

**12/11 at 12:30 PM (45 minutes)**

During WWII, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Learn about food rationing and share a sweet treat invented by wartime bakers.

## SATURDAYS:

### **"Of Lost Conversations" (First Come – First Served Seating\*)**

**12/5, 12/12, 12/19 at 2:00 PM (45 minutes)**

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### **Echos of World War II - A Bay Area Perspective**

**12/5 at 11:00 AM (1 ½ hours)**

Join us for a documentary film highlighting the stories of the children of the Greatest Generation and their experiences in the San Francisco Bay Area during World War II. After the film, the producer, Patricia Weaver, will discuss her childhood experiences entertaining wounded soldiers with Kay Kyser's band, and her work with the Veteran's Oral History Project (Library of Congress) which inspired this film. **Space is limited and reservations are required for this film and discussion. Please call 510-232-5050 x0 to reserve your seat today.**

***Saturdays continued...***

**Henry J. Kaiser: "Build Em' by the Mile and Cut Em' off by the Yard"**  
**12/19 at 3:30 PM (45 minutes)**

Join author Steve Gilford for a 45-minute presentation about the extraordinary life of ship builder Henry J. Kaiser, an industrialist who was a loyal friend to (organized) labor.